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CANADIAN LEGION WILL FORM BRANCH AT QUEENSTOWN

At a meeting of the members of the Canadian Legion, R.E.S.L., was held a week ago and the new officers for this year were installed. A meeting was well attended and several veterans of this war joined the Legion.

Many matters of importance to the members were fully discussed including soldiers gratuity, and the Veterans land act. The amount now allowed according to the best information is \$4,800.00 for land and \$1,200 for equipment.

It was contended that \$1,200 for equipment was inadequate to fully equip a farm of sufficient size to operate under power machinery, which is the only method a farm can be operated in these parts.

A resolution was drawn up recommending that the Veterans land act be amended to allow a veteran to rent land and apply the grant to the purchase of equipment and stock.

Due to the distance between Gleichen and Queenstown, the Queenstown members of the Gleichen branch felt that it would be better if they had a branch in Queenstown and desired to apply for a charter. They already had a branch in Queenstown. This proposition met with the approval of the meeting and a vote of appreciation for the many years of helpful assistance enjoyed by the local branch with the members south of the river.

It was hoped they would be successful in their effort to start a branch of their own, and they were assured of co-operation assistance in Legion matters and receive every support from the Gleichen branch.

THE WHEAT OF WHEAT

SEVERE DROUGHT IN AUSTRALIA

Australia is suffering from one of the worst droughts in its history. One of the lowest wheat yields on record, which will not much more than meet requirements of the Australian people; low yields of all other crops; large scale slaughtering of livestock because of the lack of pasture; dust storms flying down the country, with the possibility of cancelling of air travel; the blowing away of fertile top soil; the fact that unless government action is taken there will be no moisture reserves for the forthcoming crops, and the necessity of the American people to export wheat and other foodstuffs from the United States instead of drawing from nearby Australia for their supplies. Relief committees have been set up.

We on these prairies are only too painfully familiar with these phenomena. Those who have been through these distressing conditions in Western Canada will certainly extend their overflowing sympathy to our brethren in Australia in their time of acute distress. Remembering the generous help that poured into our stricken drought areas from farmers and city people of all our provinces, I am sure that our prairie farmers in saying that we would like to send to Australia some tangible recognition of our sympathy if shipping space could be made available.

THE HOMES WE FIGHT FOR

Men on the battlefield dream of their homes, and wonder what it will be like when they get back home. They think of the welcome that is waiting and the happiness of that first evening around the fire.

A man will take courage if his hearts be left behind him have remained loyal and true. We will feel that all the battles, sweat, and tears have been worth while. We in Canada have been spared the physical destruction of our homes. But there is a worse destruction than that of bombs—a destruction that the men overseas fear far more. Destructive ideas such as, "who cares anyway?" "We must have some fun," and "loyalty is just old-fashioned"—These are shattering something much more precious than homes and money. They are shattering our homes and homelife.

A unit returned recently after some years abroad, the longed-for home coming proved disappointing to

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE'S 12,000 POUND BOMB

many. One man after his first week end at home, told his colonel that he never wanted to see his wife again. The colonel, who had broken a dead-lock in his own home, suggested that the soldier might start to put things straight by being the first to apologize. He went home, he did so, and returned radiant after "the best leave ever."

Homes can be salvaged as well as houses. The first step is to see that no moral laxity, suspicion and discontent are driven out of the home as mercilessly as the Germans were from Normandy. They are the enemy on the home front. We must fight for the right ideas. We need to build homes that are proof against all the subtle appeals to selfishness and greed. Such homes are our bulwarks against the advance of materialism and all that it breeds.

There must be no delay. Homes lists are not priorities. "Unless we obtain these objectives," writes an officer from the fighting front, "our blood-bought victory will be more bitter than defeat."

LOCAL BONSPIEL GOT UNDERWAY EARLY TUESDAY

The Gleichen Curling Club opened their annual bonspiel bright and early Tuesday morning with 24 rinks entered. Quite a few of the rinks entered are from out of town. The mild weather interfered with the playing. In the evening great difficulty was experienced by most players in getting their rocks to the other end of the rink. In fact half of the rocks did not reach the hog line. Today the weather is somewhat colder and no doubt more rapid progress will be made in playing the games.

ASK CANADA TO HELP CLOTHE 50,000,000 HOMELESS RUSSIANS

The clothing division of the Canadian Aid to Russia fund is appealing to warm-hearted Canadians to help clothe the orphans and homeless of war torn Russia.

This campaign, now being launched in all communities across Canada, has the support of Canadian leaders. Among the patrons of the Canadian Aid to Russia fund are the prime minister of Canada, the premiers of all provinces, the heads of all church denominations and of leading citizen organizations.

In this safe part of the world it is hard to visualize how the war has ravaged children's lives. Russia has more than 15,000,000 orphans. Many fathers and mothers of these little ones have fallen or are missing at the front or in battles in the rear of the enemy. Many have been murdered or sent to slave labor by the Nazis.

"Canadians have already sent generous aid to the Russian people," J. Creed, national chairman of the clothing campaign, stated. "But where 50,000,000 people have lost their homes and possessions, the need is beyond measure. The Russians have poured their best blood and treasures into the struggle against our common enemy. They have not held back, and the Canadian Aid to Russia fund is anxious to keep the flow of Canadian kindness and gratitude going to Russia without stop. So we are launching this nation wide winter campaign for clothing for the most needy in Russia—the orphans and homeless."

"We are appealing to every home in Canada to share what they have with the Russian orphans and homeless. Those who received Christmas

BLOOD CLINIC WILL BE HERE WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14

The Calgary Mobile Blood Clinic which tours the southern part of the province will pay Gleichen another visit on Wednesday, February 14. As usual they will be located at the Blackfoot Indian hospital. All who are willing to donate blood are requested to phone or see in person, before February 8th, Mrs. P. Deshayes, Mrs. J. A. McArthur or Miss D. Hunter. It is hoped that a record number of donors will report alive blood is necessary more than ever just now with so many heavy battles being fought.

Emil Larson a resident of Eveleth from the past three years died Tuesday morning. He was born in Sweden 86 years ago and had lived in Canada for the past 36 years. He came to Gleichen from Calgary. The funeral took place this afternoon with officials of the Salvation Army officiating after which interment was made in Eveleth cemetery.

THE WEEKLY LETTER FROM OTTAWA

Rumors that no matter what the result in North Grey, Premier King did not call parliament, have been dispelled by the prime minister. M.P.'s and Senators will assemble on Jan. 31, as planned. But the meeting is expected to be brief. It is probable that parliament will be for only a day or two and then prorogue until after the by-election. Whether or not it will meet again before a federal election may depend on the outcome in North Grey. It is known that the prime minister wants Gen. McNaughton, in the Commons where he can give first hand information to the people's elected representatives. The north west vote will be the first pronouncement by any Canadian leaders on the reinforcement issue which parliament considered some few weeks ago. An adverse vote might be considered by the government as justifying an appeal to the Canadian people as a whole.

Though post-war plans are in full swing, some already in effect, national efforts still concentrated on the war. Despite heavier European fighting the R.C.A.F. has sufficient air crew trained for all possible contingencies. Rumors that the use of air crew might be resumed appear to be wrong. But Air Marshal Robert Leckie has been overseas discussing plans for use of part of the R.C.A.F. against Japan when the big final offensive starts. Hon. James Macdonald has also been in Britain conferring with allied leaders on the part the Canadian navy will play in the Pacific. Naval demobilization plans are proceeding as announced, but the agreed number of Canadian navy units will be used against Japan.

The Canadian army is taking the big lead of battle at the moment. Determined to meet its reinforcement needs in full, Gen. McNaughton has appointed Lieut. Gen. E. W. Sanson, former overseas leader, to delegate of clothing might like to share their discarded garments with a needy person or family in Russia. Some clothing can be remade and repaired. It is suggested that communities might organize a re-make centre to make over used dresses, coats, etc. Into warm, cosy things for the suffering orphans in Russia. Baby blankets, knitted mittens and socks are desperately needed as well.

ANNUAL MEETING TOWN RATEPAYERS FRIDAY EVENING

The annual meeting of the town ratepayers will be held in the Community Hall Friday night commencing at 8 p.m. After the close of the council meeting the school board will hold a meeting and give a report on the school for the past year.

It is to be hoped that there will be a large turnout of the taxpayers to hear these reports.

Mayor W. Stremmeier and Councillors Tom and Robert Brown term on the council has expired. Likewise the term of some of the members of the school board has expired. It is to be hoped that there will be a large turnout of the taxpayers to hear these reports.

Unofficial figures show that Canadians are spending only half as much on liquor as people in the United States. Absentees from the defense ministry are also much below that of the United States. There is indication in this that increased consumption of liquor and reduction of war output are directly related. When the decrease in liquor to be released to Canadian consumers was announced, the federal government said it was a move to maintain war production. Results appear to justify the contention that this view has borne out.

It is anticipated that some of the leading officers of the War Manpower Commission from Washington, D. C., will visit Ottawa and other Canadian cities soon to survey the Canadian Selective Service procedure. Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, minister of labor, in making this announcement stated that the delegation would first visit Ottawa. It is expected that the visitors, who will be headed by Vernon McGee, deputy director of War Manpower Commission, Washington, will spend about two days in Ottawa conferring with National Selective Service officials and will then leave to visit other cities to observe selective service operations in the field. It is pointed out that manpower controls in effect in Canada are quite different from the arrangements which have been effected in the United States up to this time, and that apparently the Canadian officials wish to see for themselves how the more rigid Canadian controls operate.

HAND MADE Riding Boots and Shoes MADE TO ORDER We are Heel Experts Tex Cassidy

CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST—At McLeay's fire. A leather case containing personal papers. Also a box containing good shoes and a gasoline lamp (to gift, if any may see Roy.) Any information regarding these articles would be greatly appreciated. Reward offered. Notify Mrs. A. McLeay.

CONTRIBUTE—To Ladies Auxiliary Carnival, March 1945. You may own improved farms at Moonbeam, Sask. First, half section, cultivated, good buildings, well, windmill. Second, prize half section, half cultivated, half-fenced. Never fail crop district. Will travel. No mail or drought. Pro needs for war services. Tickets \$1, or get 2 free for selling a book. Write Ladies Auxiliary, R.E.S.L., Strathburg, Sask. Registered under War Charities Act.

LOAN TO SCHOOL BOARD PRO. TO PERSONS AND PROPS. Fire department 139.63 Police department 800.00 Street lighting 1,532.00

PUBLIC WORKS Streets 291.41 Wells and pumps 194.16 Sidewalks 60.79 W. C. Board 100.00 Unemployment insur. 763.25 Supplies 162.14

PUBLIC WELFARE Indigents 39.95 Medical health officer 50.00 Mother's allowance 181.28 Old Age pensions 25.00 Grants Sal. Army 100.00 Grants Board of Trade 307.00

EDUCATION Paid school board 555.78 COMMUNITY SERVICES 5,017.34

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TURN YOUR EMPTIES INTO C-A-S-H

BEER BOTTLES ARE SCARCE

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Space donated by the
BREWING INDUSTRY OF ALBERTA

Rawleigh and Fuller Brush Store Now Open

on Crowfoot Street, half block east of Post Office. Owned and operated by the
RAWLEIGH MAN

In the same store Mrs. G. H. Anderson is Corsetier for the Spirella Model and Help Foundation Garments. Fitting room at the store.
Your Patronage Appreciated

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE TOWN

Cash in bank, Dec. 31, 1944 4,416.28 Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1944 429.13

Man. taxes received 4,748.01 Licenses 2,907.11 Cemetery plots 40.00 Telephones 2.00 Interest on bonds 150.00 Interest and disc. 27.54 Police courts costs 84.20 Sale of material 2,245.00 Refund bus fare 3.10 Commissions 4.78 Repayment school loans 558.00 Community hall 380.00 Water 1,532.00 Irrigation water 63.00

TRUST MONIES REC. School tax collections 8,061.46 Social Service col. 189.97

OUTSTANDING CHEQUES Dec. 31, 1944 8,261.13

PAIDMENTS Quid's cheques Dec. 31, 1944 1,495.44

ADMINISTRATION Secretary's salary 760.00 Auditor 180.00 Assessor 20.00 Secretary's bond 19.35 Land titles 29.00 Printing 82.00 Postage 57.58 Exchange 12.88 General expense 33.91 Unemployment of funds 155.31 Soc. Sec. Registration 133.00

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EATON'S

Town & District

G. H. Anderson, the Rawleigh and Fuller Brush man has opened a store on Crowfoot street, near the Community Hall where he will carry a complete stock of the above goods. In

the same store Mrs. Anderson will act as corsetier for the Spicella, Koda and Help Foundation Garments and has a fitting room to serve her customers.

Two local rinks attended the Calgary bonspiel last week. One skipped by Bob Brown and consisting of B. Holand, Jack Wilson and Tom Brown

had poor luck. The other skipped by the veteran of many a 'spiel, and assisted by F. Woods, Johnston, Varn Green and Skinny Bowen brought home prizes.

Neil Warner underwent an operation for appendicitis in a Calgary hospital one day last week and on Sunday returned home.

Mike Rodominskiy, the popular C. P. R. section foreman was taken ill last week and hurried to the Basanjo hospital.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Andrew's Church will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Horn on Monday, January 29, at 8 p.m. A hearty welcome is extended to everyone to attend this meeting.

New motor license plates for the year which opens on April 1 will be delivered early in March, according to information which has been given out by the provincial government. The province has placed an order for 95,000 steel plates which are to be delivered to the provincial authorities this month. Distribution to the license issuing centres will follow as soon as possible. A single steel plate will be issued with the license. The plate is to be displayed on the rear end of the vehicle.

IN MEMORIAM

(HARRISON.) In loving memory of our dear mother who passed away January 24th, 1944.

On year has passed since that sad day When one we loved was called away. God took her home, it was his will. But in our hearts she liveth still. Ever remembered by her loving children.

NOTICE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Public notice is hereby given that a meeting of the electors of the Town of Gleichen will be held in the Community Hall, Gleichen, on Friday, the 26th day of January 1945, at 8:00 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Mayor, Secretary-Treasurer, Auditor and chairmen of the various committees of the council for the year ending December 31, 1944.

Dated at Gleichen this 10th day of January, 1945.

The annual meeting of the Gleichen S.D. No. 103 will be held immediately at the close of the town meeting.

W. J. Phythian,
Secretary-Treasurer.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Sunday January 28th.
Evening prayer 7.30 p.m.
Rev. D. A. Ford, B. A., Incumbent.

India's army—2,000,000 strong—is the largest volunteer army in the world. Nearly a fourth of this total has been on active service overseas. One division, the redoubtable Fighting Fourth had suffered 15,000 casualties but had captured and made prisoners over 100,000 Germans and Italians in the Middle East. It is now in Italy.

Since the outbreak of war Canada has produced more than 4,200,000—600 rounds of small arms ammunition—enough to fire two bullets into every person in the world.

600 sermons may furnish the excuse for many, who do not go to church, but a poor one is better than none at all. There are many attractions in this modern age that lure folks away from worship. This is one of the problems of the modern church and the same may prove to be more closely identified with the pew than with the pulpit.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE TOWN

Painting hall	317.55	
Operating hall	386.00	
PUBLIC UTILITIES		697.55
Repairs pipe lines	383.41	
Power	816.84	
Fuel	75.08	
Irrigation	1,100.91	
New sewers	1,367.91	
Refunds sewer and water dep.		8,236.75
OFFICE EXPENSE		15.90
Insurance	11.26	
Fuel	22.08	
Telephones	97.95	
Light	25.10	
General expense	15.28	
Painting	110.00	
Social Service Tax, Paid Dept.		810.36
BALANCES DEC. 31, 1944		66.41
Municipal account	5,127.97	
Social Service	732.10	
Social Service	19,127	6,662.43
CASH ON HAND		
Petty cash	25.00	
General	115.91	
School	124.93	
Social Service	4.84	
		26,291.72

REVENUE		
Municipal land	1,800.34	
Buildings	4,130.82	
Business	1,060.30	
Sp. Board of Public Utilities	56.00	
Electric light and power	540.00	
Licenses	129.63	
Law enforcement	87.60	
Int. on Victory Bonds	150.00	
Refunds, discount on taxes	7.74	
Penalties and costs	102.75	
Commissions	4.78	
Cemetery	20.00	
Sale of material	93.35	
Refunds telephone calls	5.06	
Waterworks surplus	430.70	
Deficit	9,624.43	
	9,449.91	
	13,073.73	

EXPENDITURES		
Taxes cancelled	612.37	
Administrative	1,824.01	
Fire protection	129.63	
Police protection	291.33	
Law enforcement	100.00	
Street lighting	1,235.00	
Public works	1,891.04	
Sanitation and waste removal	387.00	
Medical health officer	50.00	
Indigent relief	397.05	
Old age pensions	183.23	
Mothers allowance	150.00	
Grants	125.00	
Community hall	234.80	
Discounts	325.12	
Depreciation	750.00	
New sewer construction	1,387.31	
Irrigation	1,207.21	
	10,658.50	
Deficit from previous years	2,415.23	
	13,073.73	

ASSETS		
Bank balances Dec. 31, 1944	5,320.24	
Municipal account	723.19	
School account	144.45	
CASH ON HAND	124.69	
Municipal account	1,995.39	
School account	2,543.14	
TAXES RECEIVABLE	69.89	
Municipal	1,995.39	
School	2,543.14	
Social Service	69.89	
TAXES REC. ON PROP. ACQ. FOR TAXES	14,395.20	
School	6,102.52	
INVENTORIES		
Social Service	1,053.22	
Public works	560.00	
Unexpired insurance	191.11	
SUNDRIES		
Victory Bonds	5,000.00	
Water accounts receivable	199.00	
Town properties	15,009.03	
	53,466.17	

LIABILITIES		
Outstanding cheques	1,415.39	
Sewer and water departments	85.49	
School taxes col. and not permitted	124.69	
Unpaid trust taxes S. Service	1,115.11	
School	8,650.66	
Reserve for dep.	8,220.00	
Res. for non-collections	14,000.00	
	22,220.00	
Bal. assets over liabilities		
As at Jan. 1, 1944	30,334.87	
Less deficit rev. acct.	430.04	
	19,906.83	

TAX STATEMENT		
Equalized assessment		
Social Service tax 61,000	Municipal 215,707.00	School 219,207
Assessed valuation	215,707.00	Soc. Ser. 42,354
Mill rate	34	19
Farm lands	215,700	4
	10	

VALUATION OF TOWN PROPERTY		
Real estate, land and buildings	5,306.37	
Fire hall and apparatus	1,245.75	
Community hall	1,065.85	
Water department	1,365.87	
Sidewalks, etc.	7,728.19	
	15,009.03	

WATER SUPPLY		
Charges to consumers	1,601.50	
Water franchise tax	26.89	
Inventory of supplies	526.62	
Unexpended balance	13.47	
	2,228.48	

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SERIOUS FIRES IN
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If matches or lighter fluid take fire—AND THEY DO—that means that brave seamen must go into the smoke-filled hold and risk their lives. Thousands of parcels may be destroyed—thousands of men disappointed.

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